U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal

Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Possible Demonstrations in Pikine, Guediawaye and Parcelles Assaianes

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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens residing in Dakar that protests may occur in the vicinities of Pikine, Guediawaye and Parcelles Assaines. Protestors are an allegeding inadequate government response, particularly the lack of alternate housing following recent floods in those areas.

U.S. citizens should avoid these demonstrations. Remember, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful have the potential to quickly turn confrontational or violent without advance warning. Avoid all areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution should you find yourself in the vicinity of a demonstration.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the <u>U.S. Embassy</u> <u>Dakar</u> website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where you can find the current <u>Worldwide</u> <u>Caution</u>, <u>Travel Warning</u>, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information</u>. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on <u>Facebook</u> as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through <u>iTunes</u>, and the <u>Google Play</u> store, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment</u> <u>Program</u> (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information

to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-879-4000 and ask to speak to the duty officer.